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1. The Sezava National Corporation for the production of leather goods in Zruc nad Sazavou (050/M25) is subordinate to Svlt National Corporation in Gottvaldov. This plant employs about 3,000 men and women in the production of civilian and military shoes, other leather goods and shoe-making machinery. Women are replacing men, who are reported to be shifted to the mines in the Ostrava area. The production plan calls for the production of 1,000 pairs of military shoes per day. This plan must be fulfilled. Production is exported mainly to the USSR and the satellite countries. Plant machinery is modern and largely automatic.
2. The Workers' Militia numbers about 600 men who train daily using model 24 rifles and German submachine guns. The plant security police consists of 28 men armed with 7.65 and 9 caliber pistols. Pistek was director of the plant from 1945 to 1949 when he was transferred to Gottvaldov to replace Holy as director of Svlt. Pistek was replaced by Vondrus, formerly the chairman of the Workers' Council and of the plant KSC.

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